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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for stretching a user's leg muscles, comprising a rocker device having at least a pair of lower rocking surfaces that are ~~is~~ arcuately shaped with a constant radius for rocking motion on a generally flat surface and an upper platform surface extending between opposing ends of a respective rocking surface, having wherein a recess is defined between the rocking surfaces by substantially only two angularly converging platform surfaces fixedly attached between the lower rocking surfaces and ~~the~~ respective upper platform surfaces for receiving a user's knee in a bent condition of the user's leg for stretching the user's quadriceps upon rocking motion.

2. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the recess is cushioned.

3. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the rocker device has at least one handle for transporting the rocker device.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein at least one of the angularly converging platform surfaces ~~recess~~ has at least one indentation for receiving the user's shin bone when the user's knee is received in the recess in a bent condition.

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the two platform surfaces are ~~disposed~~ attached at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to one another for receiving a user's knee in bent condition.

6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein a substantial portion of each ~~the~~ upper platform surface is configured to rest on a generally planar flat surface allowing a user alternatively to position the user's heel of the user's leg on at least a portion of at least one of the angularly converging platform surfaces ~~the lower rocking surface~~

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for stretching the user's hamstring muscle or to position the user's foot of the user's leg on at least a portion of one of the angularly converging platform surfaces ~~the lower rocking surface~~ for stretching the user's calf muscle.

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for stretching a user's leg muscles, comprising a rocker device having at least a pair of lower rocking surfaces that are ~~is~~ arcuately shaped with a constant radius for rocking motion and an upper platform surface extending between opposing ends of a respective rocking surface, ~~having wherein~~ a recess is defined between the rocking surfaces by substantially only two angularly converging platform surfaces fixedly attached between the lower rocking surface and the upper platform surface, said rocker device being alternatively positionable between

a first position wherein the lower rocking surface rests on a generally flat surface allowing the user to position the user's knee in a bent condition of the user's leg in the recess of the upper platform surface for stretching the user's quadriceps upon rocking motion, and

a second position wherein the upper platform surface rests on a generally flat surface allowing a user to position alternatively the user's heel of the user's leg on at least a portion of at least one of the angularly converging platform surfaces ~~the lower rocking surface~~ for stretching the user's hamstring muscle or to position the user's foot of the user's leg on at least a portion of one of the angularly converging platform surfaces ~~the lower rocking surface~~ for stretching the user's calf muscle.

8. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 7, wherein the recess is cushioned.

9. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 7, wherein the rocker device has at least one handle for transporting the rocker device.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 7, wherein at least one of the angularly converging platform surfaces ~~recess~~ has at least one indentation for receiving the user's shin bone when the user's knee is received in the recess in a bent condition.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 7, wherein the two platform surfaces are ~~disposed~~ attached at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to one another for receiving a user's knee in bent condition.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of stretching a user's leg muscles using an apparatus comprising a rocker device having at least a pair of lower rocking surfaces that ~~are~~ is arcuately shaped with a constant radius for rocking motion on a generally flat surface and an upper platform surface extending between opposing ends of a respective rocking surface, ~~having~~ wherein a recess is defined between the rocking surfaces by substantially only two angularly converging platform surfaces fixedly attached between the lower rocking surface and the upper platform surface for receiving a user's knee in a bent condition of the user's leg for stretching the user's quadriceps upon rocking motion, the method comprising the steps of:

- a. resting the lower rocking surface on-a generally flat surface;
- b. placing a user's knee in a bent condition in the recess of the upper platform surface; and
- c. rocking the apparatus backwards and forwards using the user's knee in the recess to guide the rocking motion of the rocker device for stretching the quadriceps muscles.

13. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 12, wherein the two platform surfaces are ~~disposed~~ attached at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to one another for receiving a user's knee in bent condition.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of stretching a user's leg muscles, the method comprising the steps of:

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- a. providing a device having at least a pair of lower rocking surfaces that are is arcuately shaped with a constant radius for rocking motion and an upper platform surface extending between opposing ends of a respective rocking surface, having wherein a recess is defined between the rocking surfaces by substantially only two angularly converging platform surfaces fixedly attached between the lower rocking surface and the upper platform surface;
- b. selectively positioning the device in a first position wherein the lower rocking surface rests on a generally flat surface or a second position wherein the upper platform surface rests on a generally flat surface; and
- c. selectively stretching the user's leg muscles by:
 - i. stretching the quadriceps muscles in said first position by:
 - A. placing a user's knee in a bent condition in the recess of the upper platform surface; and
 - B. rocking the device backwards and forwards using the user's knee in the recess to guide the rocking motion of the device for stretching the quadriceps muscles; or
 - ii. stretching the hamstring muscles in said second position by:
 - A. placing a heel of one of the user's outstretched legs on at least a portion of at least one of the angularly converging platform surfaces the lower-rocking-surface; and
 - B. leaning forward towards the device for stretching the hamstring muscles; or
 - iii. stretching the calf muscles in said second position by placing one foot of the user's leg on at least a portion of one of the angularly converging platform surfaces the lower-rocking-surface while maintaining contact with the generally flat surface with the heel of the user's foot for stretching the calf muscles.

15. (Currently Amended) A method in accordance with claim 14, wherein the two platform surfaces are disposed at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to one another for receiving a user's knee in bent condition.

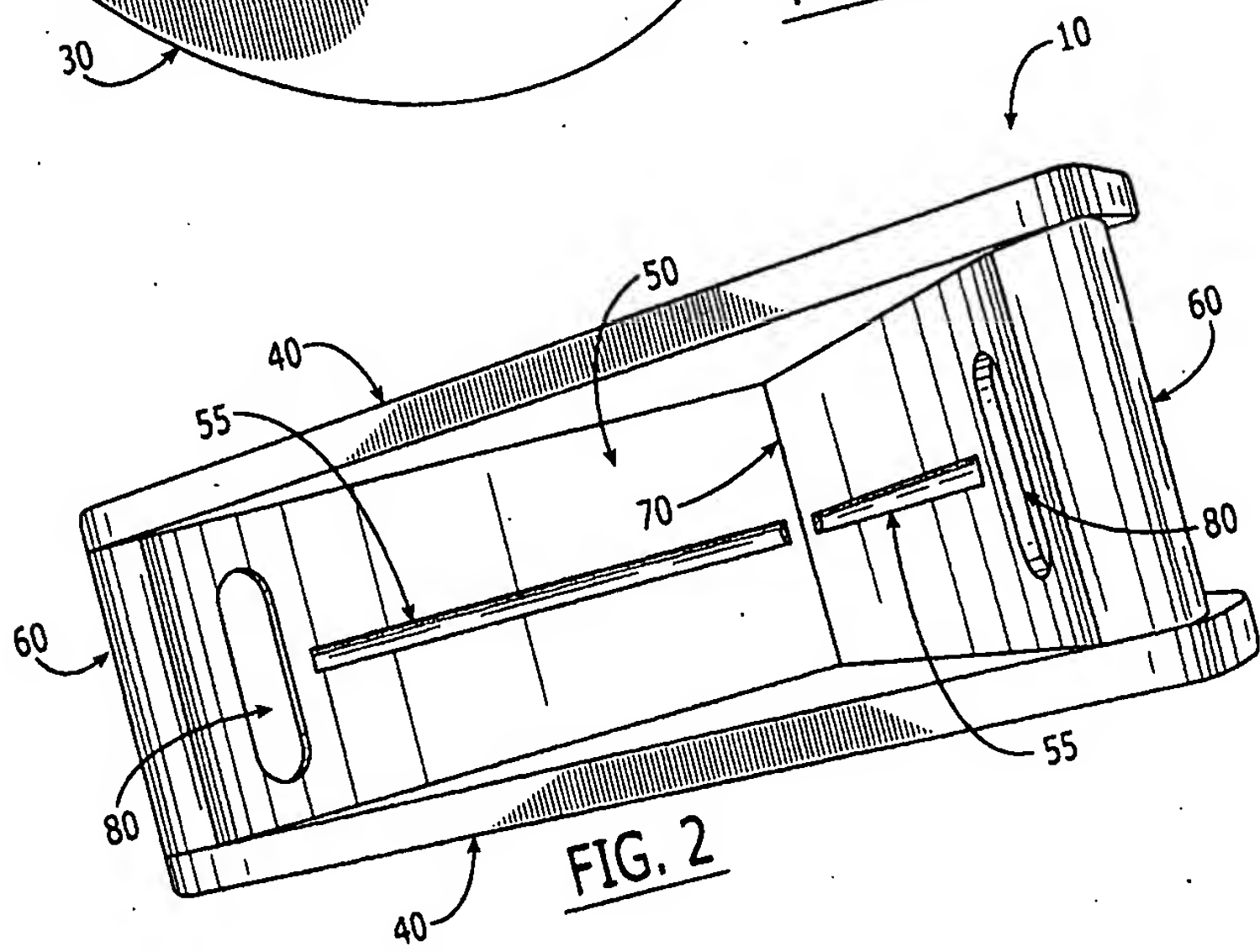
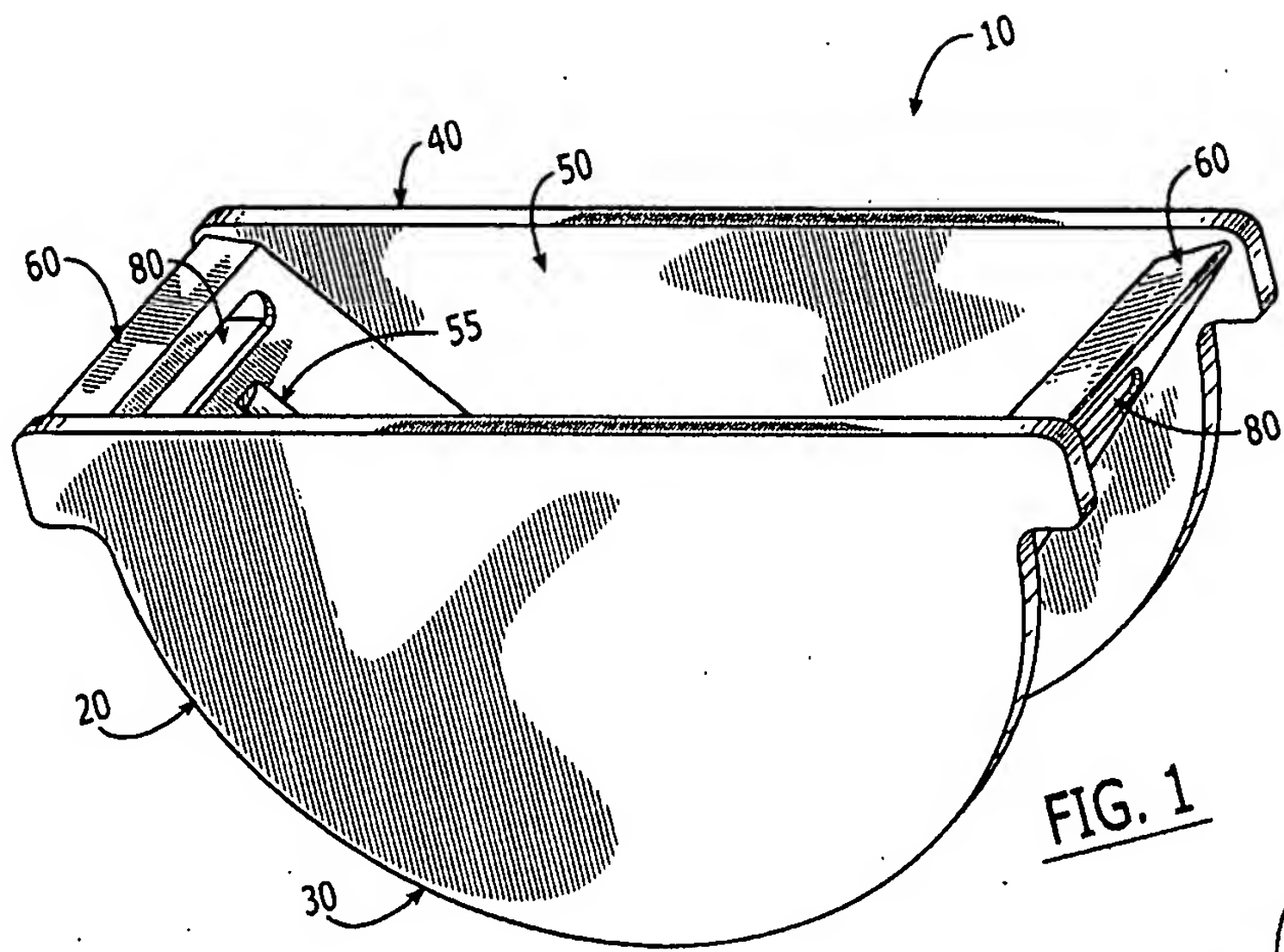
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16. (New) An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the lower rocking surface is semi-circular.

17. (New) An apparatus in accordance with claim 4, wherein at least one indentation is defined in, and extends substantially along, a respective angularly converging platform surface.

18. (New) An apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein each upper platform surface is substantially planar.

19. (New) A method in accordance with claim 12, wherein each upper platform surface is substantially planar.



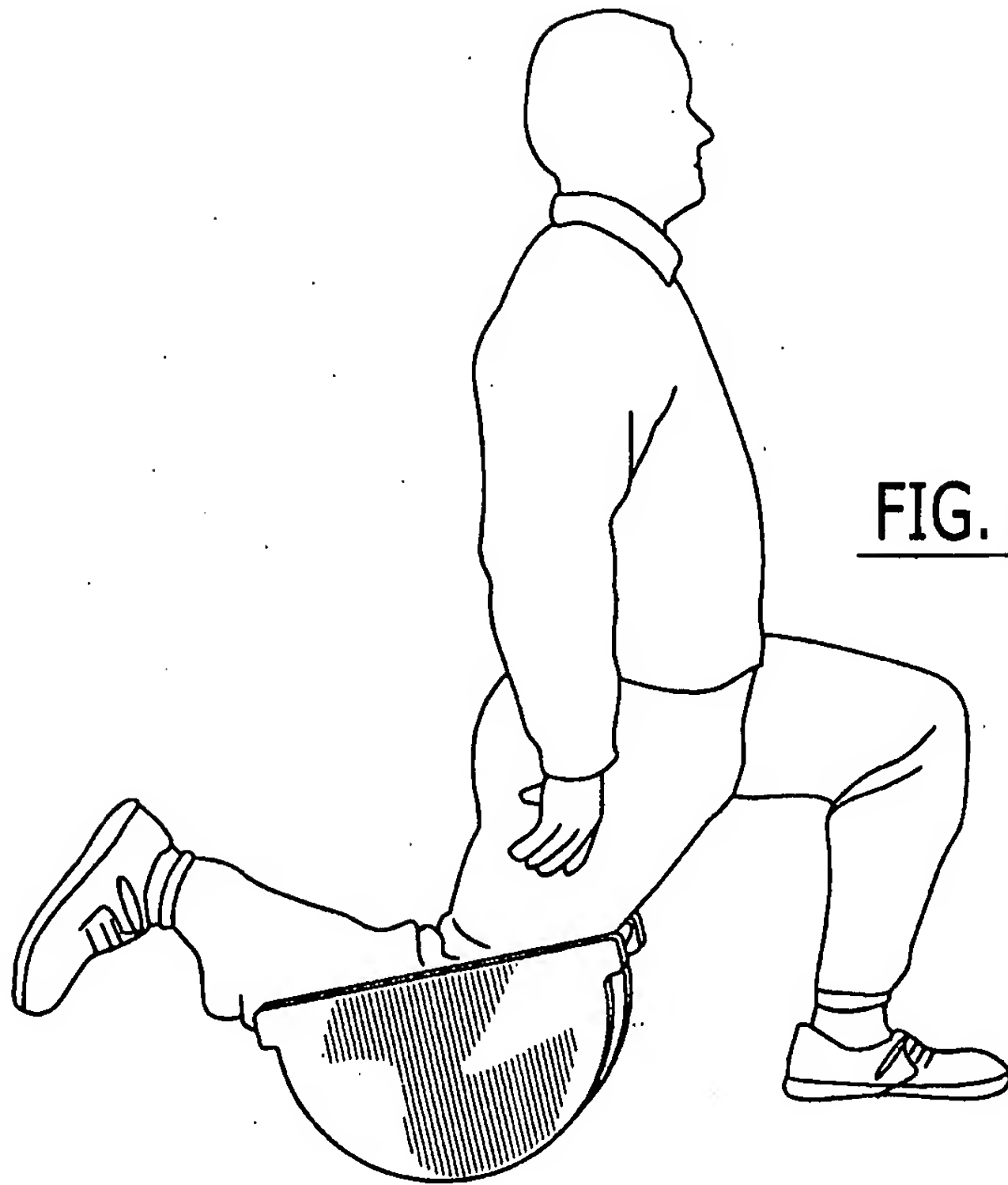


FIG. 3

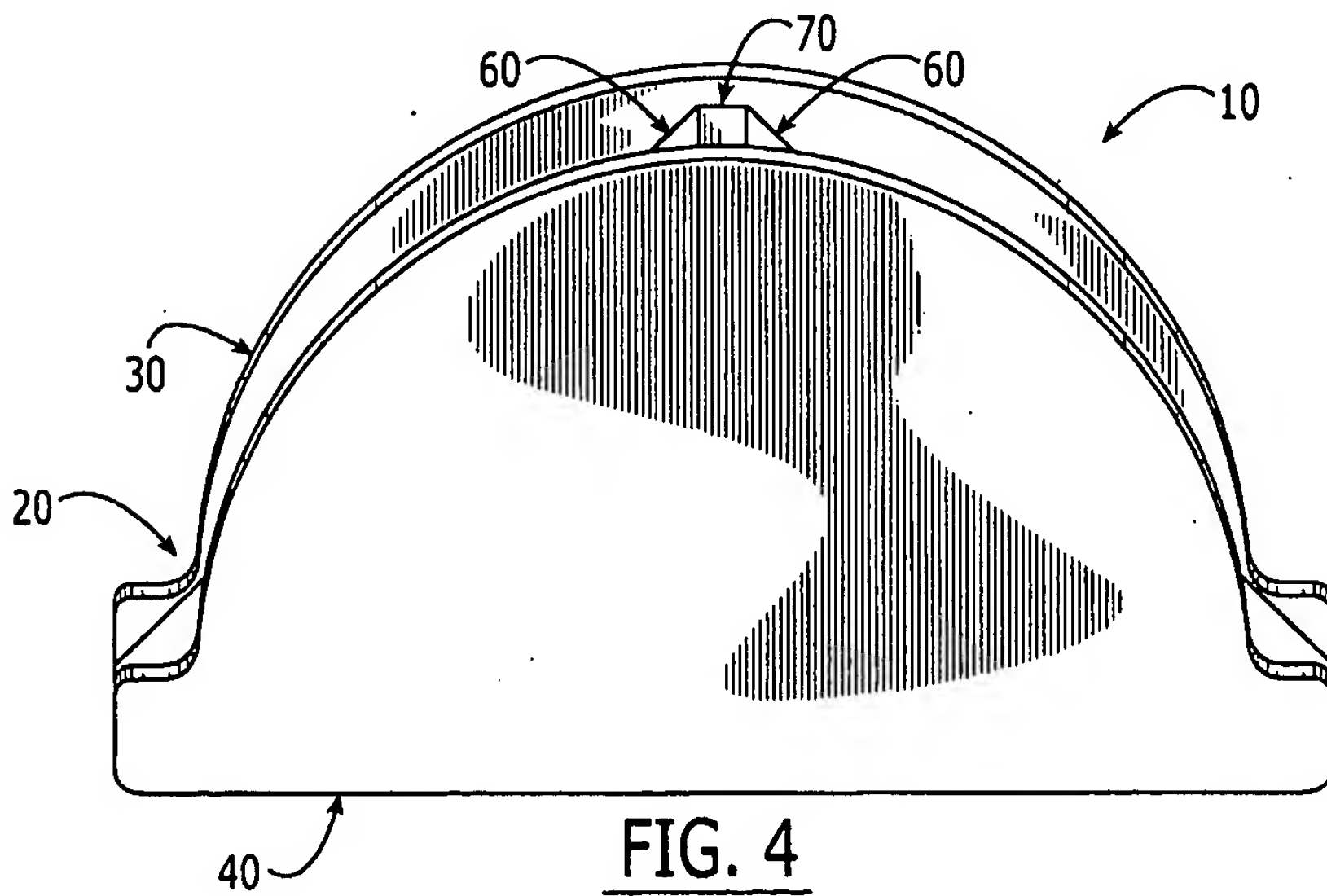


FIG. 4

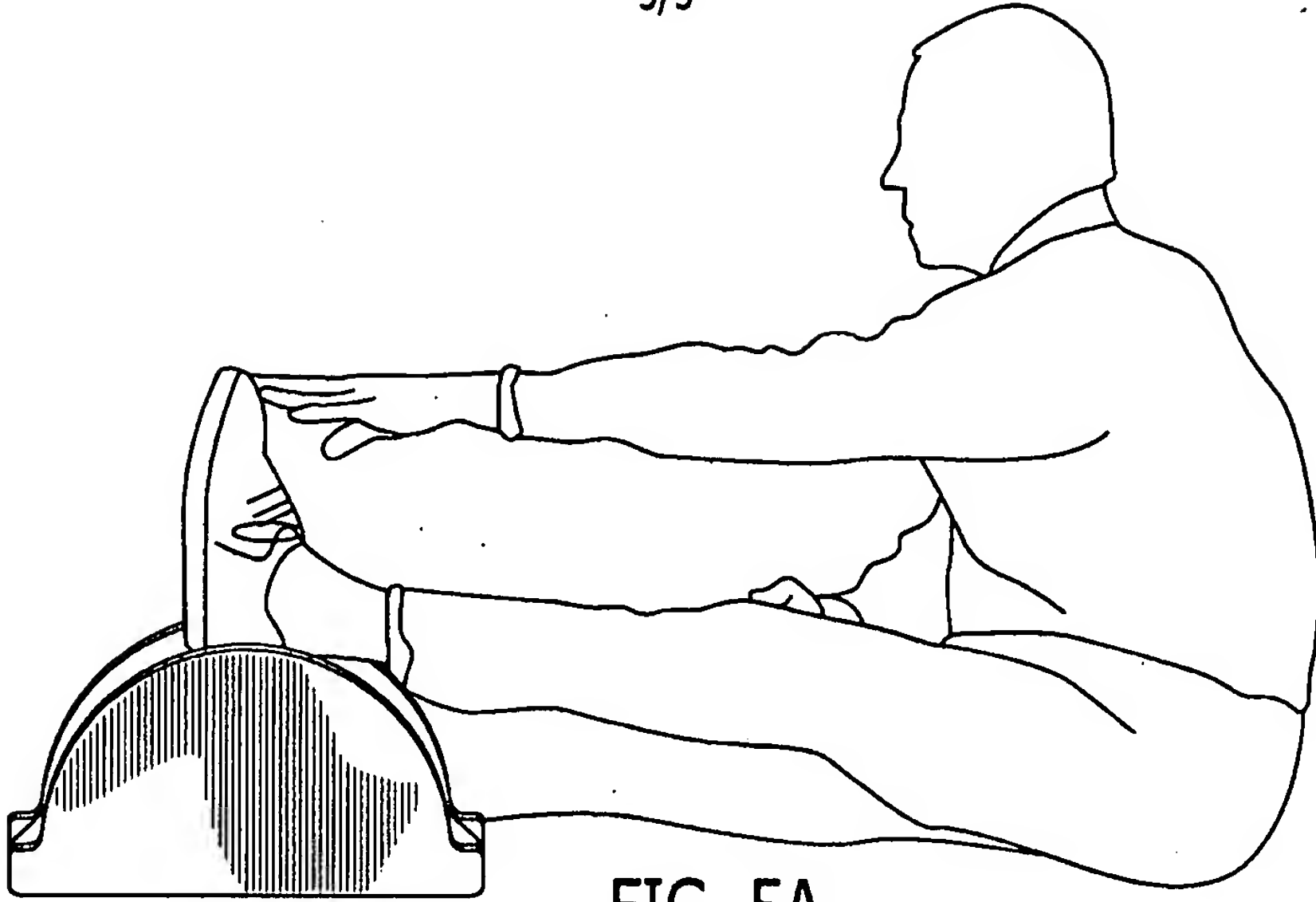


FIG. 5A

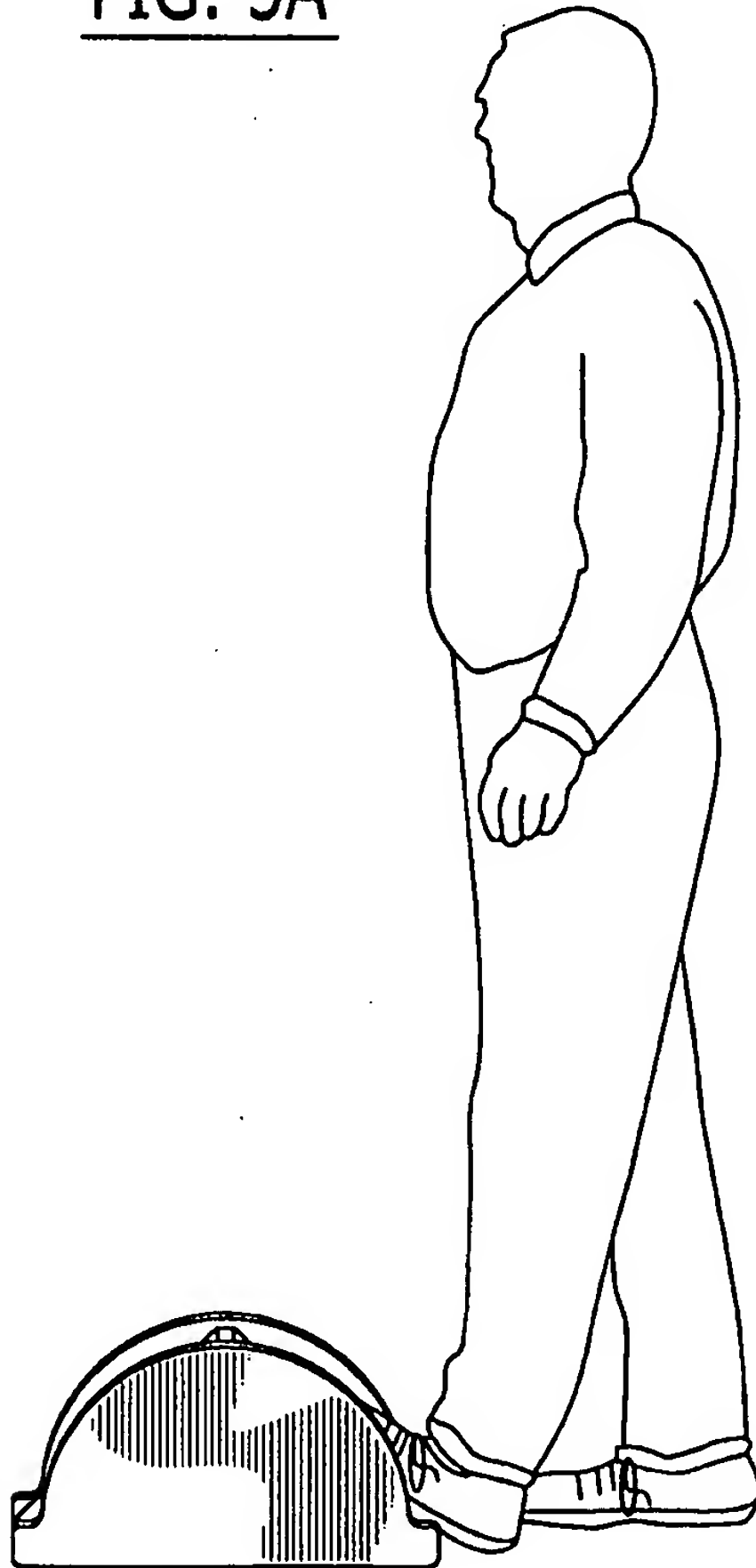


FIG. 5B